



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
JULY 14, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem Groves. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Mayor Pro-tem Groves and City Clerk Evans. Others present were Treasurer Diana Foor, Superintendent Tom Helm, Police Chief Schabbing, and Engineer Joy Rexshell.

MINUTES

Commissioner Lindley made a motion to approve the regular session minutes from June 23, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR MODGLIN

IKE GRANT UPDATE

Engineer Joy Rexshell updated the council on the progress of the IKE Drainage Grant project. According to Rexshell, the contractor should begin boring under 7th Street on Thursday, July 17th, and then they will be replacing the culverts under the street.

VETERANS' MEMORIAL DONATION

Diana Foor, who was representing the committee raising funds for the Veterans' Memorial, told the Council that the committee would like to order t-shirts to sell which would be a fundraiser as well as a way of getting the word out about the memorial. However, they needed some seed money to purchase the shirts. With little discussion, Commissioner Lindley made a motion to donate \$1000 to the Veterans' Memorial Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

2014 IML

City Clerk Evans explained that the 2014 IML conference will be held again in Chicago, and both Evans and Foor would like to attend. Again, Evans said that they have not been attending some of the other training sessions throughout the year to save funds for this conference, because they feel they receive all around better training than other sessions. After little discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to send both Evans and Foor to attend the 2014 IML conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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DENTAL, VISION, AND LIFE INSURANCE

After reviewing quotes from Delta Dental and Gemstar, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to stay with Delta Dental Insurance Company for dental, vision, and life insurance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER HARTKE

TREASURER'S REPORT

After reviewing the treasurer's report, Mayor Pro-tem Groves ordered the financial report to be placed into the files of the City Clerk.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LINDLEY

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

City Clerk Evans presented the Council with the revised zoning map. After reviewing the map, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to proceed with the rezoning as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PURCHASE OF MOSQUITO SPRAYER

Superintendent Helm informed the Council that the current mosquito sprayer is well over 22 years old, and we can't purchase repair parts any longer. Helm said he received a quote from Clarke for a Cougar Smart Flow sprayer which was used as a demo at a cost of \$8,965.99. Commissioner Kepp made a motion to purchase the Cougar Smart Flow for \$8,965.99. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER GROVES

2014 MFT MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE

After reviewing the 2014 MFT municipal maintenance paperwork, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to accept the expenditure statement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

2014 MFT FINAL PAYMENT

After reviewing the final payment estimate, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to pay the final payment in the amount of \$94,846.05. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER KEPP
COLES COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL**

City Clerk Evans said that it was brought to her attention that it is illegal to put down any cat unless you are licensed. Evans said that the office has received a few calls on cats, but we are not trapping them. Evans said she has spoken with Coles County Animal Control, and they would be willing to take them at a cost of \$25 per cat. It was recommended that Evans contact Effingham Animal Control as well.

811 SHAFFER

The Council reviewed the public notice regarding the sale of 811 Shaffer Avenue. Commissioner Lindley made a motion to omit the words “and the bid amount paid will be refunded to the successful bidder”. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kepp. Ayes, Commissioner Lindley, Kepp, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

SQUAD CAR REPAIRS

Chief Schabbing told the Council that one of the squad cars needs to have the upper ball joints replaced. The Dodge dealer quoted it at \$880 for both sides, and Montgomery Auto would be \$820. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed to have the repairs made at Montgomery Auto.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to move into executive session for Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensations, discipline and performance at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

RECONVENED AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was reconvened at 9:20 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Kepp. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Those present for roll call were: Commissioners Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kepp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Pro-tem Groves. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date